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Notice of Readoption

Certificate of Domestic Partnership

Readoption: N.J.A.C. 8:2B

Authority: N.J.S.A. 26:8A-1 et seq., particularly 26:8A-12.

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Effective Date: December 23, 2024.

New Expiration Date: December 23, 2031.

Take notice that, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1, N.J.A.C. 8:2B, Certificate of Domestic Partnership, was scheduled to expire on January 29, 2025. N.J.A.C. 8:2B implements the Domestic Partnership Act, N.J.S.A. 26:8A-1 et seq. (Act), and establishes the procedures for filing affidavits of domestic partnerships, issuing domestic partnership certificates, and maintaining domestic partnership records.

Subchapter 1 provides the application and scope of the rules and establishes definitions of terms. Subchapter 2 establishes the process for filing an affidavit of domestic partnership and issuance of a certificate of domestic partnership, the filing fee, and civil penalties applicable to violations of the Act and/or the chapter. Subchapter 3 sets forth who may receive a certified copy, and who may receive a certification of the content of a domestic partnership affidavit or certificate, and the applicable

corresponding fee for each. Subchapter 4 establishes the requirement for reporting facts regarding domestic partnerships to the State Registrar of Vital Statistics, the manner to correct a certificate of domestic partnership, and the means to terminate a domestic partnership.

The Commissioner has reviewed existing N.J.A.C. 8:2B and determined that the existing chapter remains necessary, proper, reasonable, efficient, understandable, and responsive for the purposes for which it was originally promulgated, as amended and supplemented over time, and should be readopted. Therefore, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1.c(1), N.J.A.C. 8:2B is readopted and shall continue in effect for seven years.